NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James E. Graves, Jr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Wicker, Paul Kinloch Holmes, III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, who was introduced by Senators Lincoln and Pryor, Anthony J. Battaglia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Edward J. Davila, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Diana Saldana, to be

United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, who was introduced by Senators Cornyn and Hutchison, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FILIBUSTER

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee resumed hearings to examine the filibuster, focusing on ideas to reduce delay and encourage debate in the Senate, after receiving testimony from Senator Gregg; and Martin Paone, former Senate Democratic Secretary, and Norman J. Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 57 public bills, H.R. 6239–6395; and 44 resolutions, H.J. Res. 98; H. Con. Res. 321–327; and H. Res. 1675–1681, 1683–1711 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 1674, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 847) to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend and improve protections and services to individuals directly impacted by the terrorist attack in New York City on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2378) to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify that fundamental exchange-rate misalignment by any foreign nation is actionable under United States countervailing and antidumping duty laws, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2701) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–648);

H. Res. 1561, directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of each portion of any document, record, or communication in her possession consisting of or relating to documents prepared by or for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services regarding the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–649);

H.R. 4416, to reauthorize the Great Ape Conservation Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–650);

H.R. 5479, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to provide for use of excess funds available under that Act to provide for certain benefits, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–651);

H.R. 5897, to reauthorize and improve programs and activities carried out under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–652, Pt. 1);

H.R. 4645, to remove obstacles to legal sales of United States agricultural commodities to Cuba and to end travel restrictions on all Americans to Cuba (H. Rept. 111–653, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5892, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–654); and

H. Res. 1682, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3081) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–655).

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Scott Moore, Erfurt, Germany.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Lincoln Diaz-Balart motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 2 yeas to 409 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 545.

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Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 321, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 546.

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James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010: The House passed H.R. 847, to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend and improve protections and services to individuals directly impacted by the terrorist attack in New York City on September 11, 2001, by a recorded vote of 268 ayes to 160 noes, Roll No. 550. Pages H7215–16, H7219–57

Rejected the Lee (NY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 185 yeas to 244 nays, Roll No. 549.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 111–648 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Energy and Commerce and the Judiciary now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 1674, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 847 and H.R. 2378) and the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2701), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 548, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 547.

Pages H7219, H7228–30

Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act: The House passed H.R. 2378, to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify that fundamental exchangerate misalignment by any foreign nation is actionable under United States countervailing and antidumping duty laws, by a recorded vote of 348 ayes to 79 noes, Roll No. 554.

Pages H7259-73

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify that countervailing duties may be imposed to address subsidies relating to a fundamentally undervalued currency of any foreign country.". Page H7273

H. Res. 1674, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 847 and H.R. 2378) and the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2701), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 548, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 547.

Pages H7228–30

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2701, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the

Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 558.

Pages H7276-H7312 H7368-69

H. Res. 1674, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 847 and H.R. 2378) and the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2701), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 548, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 547.

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Coin Modernization, Oversight, and Continuity Act of 2010: The House agreed to discharge and pass H.R. 6162, amended, to provide research and development authority for alternative coinage materials to the Secretary of the Treasury, increase congressional oversight over coin production, and ensure the continuity of certain numismatic items.

Pages H7312-13

American Eagle Palladium Bullion Coin Act of 2010: The House agreed to discharge and pass H.R. 6166, amended, to authorize the production of palladium bullion coins to provide affordable opportunities for investments in precious metals.

Pages H7313-14

Withdrawal of Motion to Suspend the Rules: Agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the Driehaus motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 6014 which was offered on September 28, 2010.

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Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors—Reappointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he reappointed Mr. Thomas A. Fuentes of Lake Forest, CA to the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Plain Writing Act of 2010: Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 946, to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing that Government documents issued to the public must be written clearly, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 341 yeas to 82 nays, Roll No. 562;

Pages H7314-16, H7371-72

Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010: S. 3397, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for take-back disposal of controlled substances in certain instances;

Pages H7316-18

Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act Improvements Act of 2010: S. 1132, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers;

Pages H7319-21

Veterans' Insurance and Health Care Improvements Act: Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 3219, to amend title 38, United States Code,

to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to insurance and health care;

Pages H7321-42

National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2010: S. 3729, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2013, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 304 yeas to 118 nays, Roll No. 561; and Pages H7342–61, H7370–71

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam: Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 3940, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 386 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 565. Pages H7361-64, H7377 Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2010: The House concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 3081, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 564. Pages H7364-68, H7369-70, H7372-77

H. Res. 1682, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 560, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 559.

Pages H7364, H7368, H7369-70

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, September 28th:

Requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the main page of the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a hyperlink to the VetSuccess Internet website: H.R. 3685, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the main page of the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a hyperlink to the VetSuccess Internet website and to publicize such Internet website, by a ½3 yea-and-nay vote of 425 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 551;

Pages H7257-58

Securing America's Veterans Insurance Needs and Goals Act of 2010: H.R. 5993, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that beneficiaries of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance receive financial counseling and disclosure information regarding life insurance payments, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 358 yeas to 66 nays, Roll No. 552; Page H7258

Calling on the Government of Japan to immediately address the growing problem of abduction to and retention of United States citizen minor children in Japan: H. Res. 1326, to call on the

Government of Japan to immediately address the growing problem of abduction to and retention of United States citizen minor children in Japan, to work closely with the Government of the United States to return these children to their custodial parent or to the original jurisdiction for a custody determination in the United States, to provide left-behind parents immediate access to their children, and to adopt without delay the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 553;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Calling on the Government of Japan to address the urgent problem of abduction to and retention of United States citizen children in Japan, to work closely with the Government of the United States to return these children to their custodial parent or to the original jurisdiction for a custody determination in the United States, to provide left-behind parents immediate access to their children, and to adopt without delay the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction." Page H7259

Rare Earths and Critical Materials Revitalization Act of 2010: H.R. 6160, amended, to develop a rare earth materials program and to amend the National Materials and Minerals Policy, Research and Development Act of 1980, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 325 yeas to 98 nays, Roll No. 555; Page H7273

AMERICA Works Act: H.R. 4072, amended, to require that certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that provide a national industry-recognized and portable credential, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 556;

Pages H7273–74

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To require that certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that provide an industry-recognized and nationally portable credential.".

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Medical Debt Relief Act: H.R. 3421, amended, to exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled, by a ²/₃ recorded vote of 336 ayes to 82 noes, Roll No. 557;

Pages H7274–75

Federal Election Integrity Act: H.R. 512, amended, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit certain State election administration officials from actively participating in electoral campaigns, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 296 yeas to 129 nays, Roll No. 563; Page H7372

All-American Flag Act: H.R. 2853, amended, to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government;

Pages H7377–78

Emil Bolas Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 4602, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1332 Sharon Copley Road

in Sharon Center, Ohio, as the "Emil Bolas Post Office"; Page H7378

James M. "Jimmy" Stewart Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 47 South 7th Street in Indiana, Pennsylvania, as the "James M. 'Jimmy' Stewart Post Office Building";

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George C. Marshall Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 5605, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 47 East Fayette Street in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, as the "George C. Marshall Post Office";

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Supporting the goals and ideals of United States Military History Month: H. Res. 1442, to support the goals and ideals of United States Military History Month;

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Congratulating the Washington Stealth for winning the National Lacrosse League Championship: H. Res. 1546, amended, to congratulate the Washington Stealth for winning the National Lacrosse League Championship;

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Supporting the United States Paralympics: H. Res. 1479, to support the United States Paralympics and to honor the Paralympic athletes; Page H7378

Dorothy I. Height Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 6118, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., in Washington, D.C., as the "Dorothy I. Height Post Office Building";

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, in Washington, D.C., as the 'Dorothy I. Height Post Office'.".

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Supporting the goals and purpose of Gold Star Mothers Day: H. Res. 1617, to support the goals and purpose of Gold Star Mothers Day, which is observed on the last Sunday in September of each year in remembrance of the supreme sacrifice made by mothers who lose a son or daughter serving in the Armed Forces;

Pages H7378–79

Expressing support for designation of September 2010 as National Craniofacial Acceptance Month: H. Res. 1603, to express support for designation of September 2010 as National Craniofacial Acceptance Month;

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Amending section 5542 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that any hours worked by Federal firefighters under a qualified trade-of-time arrangement shall be excluded for purposes of determinations relating to overtime pay: H.R. 3243, to amend section 5542 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that any hours worked by Federal firefighters under a qualified trade-of-time arrangement shall be excluded for purposes of determinations relating to overtime pay;

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Pre-Election Presidential Transition Act of 2010: S. 3196, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to provide that certain transition services shall be available to eligible candidates before the general election;

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Pediatric Research Consortia Establishment Act: H.R. 758, amended, to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of pediatric research consortia; Page H7379

Veterinary Public Health Workforce and Education Act: H.R. 2999, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance and increase the number of veterinarians trained in veterinary public health;

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Gestational Diabetes Act: H.R. 5354, amended, to establish an Advisory Committee on Gestational Diabetes and to provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes, and for other purposes.". Page H7379

Methamphetamine Education, Treatment, and Hope Act: H.R. 2818, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a drug-free workplace information clearinghouse, to support residential methamphetamine treatment programs for pregnant and parenting women, and to improve the prevention and treatment of methamphetamine addiction; Page H7379

Concussion Treatment and Care Tools Act: H.R. 1347, amended, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment and implementation of concussion management guidelines with respect to school-aged children;

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Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act of 2010: S. 3751, to amend the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005;

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HEART for Women Act: H.R. 1032, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.".

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Scleroderma Research and Awareness Act: H.R. 2408, amended, to expand the research and awareness activities of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to scleroderma;

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Bone Marrow Failure Disease Research and Treatment Act: H.R. 1230, amended, to amend the

Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a National Acquired Bone Marrow Failure Disease Registry, to authorize research on acquired bone marrow failure diseases;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research on acquired bone marrow failure diseases, minority-focused programs on such diseases, and the development of best practices for diagnosis of and care for individuals with such diseases." Page H7380

Reauthorizing and enhancing Johanna's Law: H.R. 2941, amended, to reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers;

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Birth Defects Prevention, Risk Reduction, and Awareness Act of 2010: H.R. 5462, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to establish and implement a birth defects prevention, risk reduction, and public awareness program; and Page H7380

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish and implement a birth defects prevention, risk reduction, and public awareness program.".

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Arthritis Prevention, Control, and Cure Act: H.R. 1210, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health.

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United States Secret Service Uniformed Division Modernization Act: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to S. 1510, to transfer statutory entitlements to pay and hours of work authorized by the District of Columbia Code for current members of the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division from the District of Columbia Code to the United States Code.

Pages H7380-83

Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010: The House concurred in the Senate amendments to the House amendments to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3619, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2010.

Pages H7383–84

Mount Stevens and Ted Stevens Icefield Designation Act: The House agreed to discharge and pass S. 3802, to designate a mountain and icefield in the State of Alaska as the "Mount Stevens" and "Ted Stevens Icefield", respectively. Page H7384–85

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a notification that an Executive Order was issued with respect to the national emergency declared in response to the actions and policies of the Government of Iran—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 111–147).

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7342, H7372 and H7379. Senate Referral: S. 3774 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Seventeen yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7226, H7228, H7228–29, H7229–30, H7256, H7256–57, H7257–58, H7258, H7259, H7272–73, H7273, H7274, H7274–75, H7368–69, H7369–70, H7370, H7370–71, H7371–72, H7372, H7376–77 and H7377. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 1:04 a.m. on September 30, 2010, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 321, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2010.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT'S EFFICIENCY INITIATIVE

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Department of Defense's efficiency initiative. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William J. Lynn, III, Deputy Secretary; Ashton Carter, Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; and GEN James E. Cartwright, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITY MULTI-RESISTANT INFECTIONS

Committee on Armed Services; Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Fighting Superbugs: DOD's Response to Multidrug-Resistant Infections in Military Treatment Facilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Jack Smith, M.D., Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Clinical and Program Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; COL Jonathan Jaffin, M.D., USA, Director, Health Policy and Services, Office of the Surgeon General; COL Duane Hospenthal, M.D., USA. Infectious Diseases Consultant to the U.S. Army Surgeon General; COL James D. Collier, M.D., USAF, Assistant Surgeon General, Health Care Operations, Office of the Surgeon General; LTC Michael Forgione, M.D., USAF, Service Advisor, Infectious Disease Clinical Research Program; CAPT Gregory Martin, USN, Program Director, Infectious Disease Clinical Research Program; and Judith F. English, Infection Control Consultant.

SMALL BUSINESS DEFENSE CONTRACTING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats, and Capabilities held a hearing on small business' role and opportunities in restoring affordability to the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Zachary J.